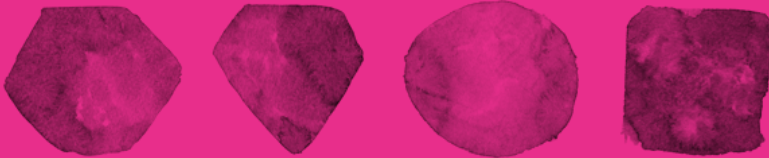


Picture: Geological map of the Oslo graben, adapted from Schou-Jensen and Neumann (1988)

# TOWARDS A GEOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY FOR THE ANTHROPOCENE



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Programme at a glance

**JUNE 19**

**Eilert Sundts House, 12<sup>th</sup> floor, room 1204  
Molke Moes vei 31, 0851 Oslo**

09.00 – 09.30	Gathering, coffee and tea
09.30 – 10.00	Welcome and introduction to the workshop and the AMBER project (Alessandro Rippa)
10.00 – 10.30	Earthly intimacies: notes on geological Anthropology (Zeynep Oguz)
10.30 – 12.15	Panel session 1: Stratifying
12.15 – 13.15	Lunch
13.15 – 15.00	Panel session 2: (Un)grounding
15.30 – 17.00	Panel session 3: Knowing
19.00 –	Dinner at Nedre Foss Gård, Nordre gate 2, 0551 Oslo

**JUNE 20**

**Eilert Sundts House, 12<sup>th</sup> floor, room 1204  
Molke Moes vei 31, 0851 Oslo**

09.30 – 11.00	Panel session 4: Living
11.30 – 12:30	Experimental session (part 1)
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 15.00	Panel session 5: Timefulness
15.30 – 16.30	Experimental session (part 2)
16:30 – 17:30	Wrap-up and discussion
19.00 –	Dinner at VIPPA, Akershusstranda 25, 0150 Oslo

**JUNE 21**

**Natural History Museum, Sars' gate 1, 0562 Oslo**

11.00 – 12.30	Guided geo-walk with Prof. Øyvind Hammer
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch at Tøyen Hovedgård
13.30 – 15.00	Guided visit to the Geological section of the Natural History Museum



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Day 1 (Wednesday, June 19)

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9.00 – 9.30	Gathering, coffee and tea	
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10.00 – 10.30	Earthly intimacies: notes on geological Anthropology <b>Zeynep Oguz</b>	
10.30 – 12.15	<p>Panel session 1 – Stratifying</p> <p><b>Adam Bobbette</b> Shells and Shell: Experiments in the Political Geology of Oil between Scotland and Borneo</p> <p><b>Elizabeth Reddy</b> Political Geoscience: changing configurations of knowledge, practice, and geology</p> <p><b>Penny Harvey</b> Geologic Politics: The challenge of producing safe (enough) rock to host a geological disposal facility.</p> <p><b>Miruna Achim</b> The stone of kings, tectonic shifts, dirty business: Sourcing jade in the Motagua River Valley, Guatemala</p> <p><b>Munira Khayyat</b> Geologies and genealogies: oil, kin, empires and nations</p>	<b>Christian Khron-Hansen</b>
12.15 – 13.15	Lunch	
13.15 – 15.00	<p>Panel session 2 – (Un)grounding</p> <p><b>Marianne Lien</b> Order, time, gravity and mud: Thinking geomorphologically about agricultural colonization</p> <p><b>Andrea Ballestero</b> SubAerial, SubTerranean: the power of sensing downwards</p> <p><b>Saumya Pandey</b> Instrumentation and sedimentary geology in the Himalayan rivers</p>	<b>Knut Nustad</b>

	<p><b>Nigel Clark</b> Inner Earth blues: on problematizing things that can't be done differently</p> <p><b>Ping-hsiu Alice Lin</b> Geo-logics: Taking the Ethnographic Gaze Subterranean</p>	
15.00 – 15.30	Break	
15.30 – 17.00	<p>Panel session 3 – Knowing</p> <p><b>Jerome Whittington</b> Earth's Two Bodies: Conjoining data and minerality after the Anthropocene</p> <p><b>Elizabeth DeLoughrey</b> Mining Inner Space</p> <p><b>Kathryn Yusoff</b> Geologic Life and Vernacular Anthropocenes</p> <p><b>Deborah Dixon</b> A Critical Geology for Critical Times</p>	<b>Susanne Bauer</b>
19.00 –	<p>Dinner (with some remarks on interdisciplinary research through the nearby Akerselva river, by Knut Nustad)</p> <p>Nedre Foss Gård Nordre gate 2, 0551 Oslo</p>	

Day 2 (Thursday, June 20)

TIME	PANEL/SESSION	CHAIR / MODERATOR
9.30 – 11.00	Panel session 4 – Living  <b>Leni Charbonneau</b> Unearthing: Practice and Method in Geological Writing <b>Elizabeth Povinelli</b> Semiotics After Geontopower <b>Elana Shever</b> An Edmontosaurus Called Dakota: An Improbable Case of More-than-Animal Becoming <b>Manuel Tironi</b> Cosmogeologies: mountain communism in Southern Los Andes	<b>Andrea Joslyn Nightingale</b>
11.00 – 11.30	Break	
11.30 – 12:30	Experimental session (part 1)	<b>Zeynep Oguz</b>
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 15.00	Panel session 5 – Timefulness  <b>Hugo Reinert</b> Strange attunements: Intimacy with the deep <b>Nadezhda Mamontova</b> Indigenous geontologies in understanding of the geological in Siberia <b>Martín Fonck</b> Geofuturism: Performing and Remaking Geological Temporalities <b>Jessica Smith</b> The Burden of White Proof: Tracing Colonial Hauntings and Epistemological Hypocrisy in Geophysics	<b>Ursula Münster</b>
15.00 – 15:30	Break	
15.30 – 16.30	Experimental session (part 2)	<b>Zeynep Oguz</b>

16.30 – 17.30	Wrap-up and final discussion	<b>Alessandro Rippa and Zeynep Oguz</b>
19.00 –	Dinner (debrief and networking)  VIPPA Akershusstranda 25, 0150 Oslo	

### Day 3 (Friday, June 21)

10.45 – 11.00 We meet in front of the Natural History Museum, Sars' gate 1, 0562 Oslo

Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/3Q3rdjBYEYvzWQDk8>

11.00 – 12.30 Guided geo-walk with Prof. Øyvind Hammer (Natural History Museum, UiO)

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch at Tøyen Hovedgård, Trondheimsveien 23B, 0562 Oslo

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### Venue

Eilert Sundts Hus, room 1204. Map: <https://link.mazemap.com/7to9zYTo>

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**Leni Charbonneau** – PhD researcher, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo

**Nigel Clark** – Professor, Lancaster Environment Centre, Lancaster University

**Elizabeth DeLoughrey** – Professor, Department of English, UCLA

**Deborah Dixon** – Professor of Geography, University of Glasgow

**Martín Fonck** – Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Science, Technology and Society, Technical University of Munich

**Penny Harvey** – Professor, Department of Social Anthropology, The University of Manchester

**Munira Khayyat** – Clinical Associate Professor, NYU Abu Dhabi

**Marianne Lien** – Professor, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo

**Ping-hsiu Alice Lin** – Academy Scholar, The Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Harvard University

**Nadezhda Mamontova** – Newton International Fellow, School of Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Birmingham

**Saumya Pandey** – PhD researcher, University of Ghent and University of Bergen

**Elizabeth Povinelli** – Professor of Anthropology and Gender Studies, Columbia University



**Elizabeth Reddy** – Assistant Professor in Engineering, Design, and Society, Colorado School of Mines

**Hugo Reinert** – Associate Professor, Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo

**Elana Shever** – Associate Professor of Anthropology, Colgate University

**Jessica Smith** – Professor, Engineering, Design, and Society Division, Colorado School of Mines

**Manuel Tironi** – Associate Professor, Institute of Sociology, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

**Jerome Whittington** – Clinical Assistant Professor, NYU

**Kathryn Yusoff** – Professor of Inhuman Geography, Queen Mary University of London

*Panel Chairs*

**Ursula Münster** – Associate Professor of Environmental Humanities, University of Oslo

**Andrea Joslyn Nightingale** – Professor, Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo

**Susanne Bauer** – Professor, Centre for Technology, Innovation and Culture, University of Oslo

**Christian Khron-Hansen** – Professor, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo

**Knut Nustad** – Professor, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo